

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COMMISSION DIRECTIVE**

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

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DATE

January 20, 2021

MOTOR CARRIER MATTER

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DOCKET NO.

2019-226-E

UTILITIES MATTER

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ORDER NO.

SUBJECT:

DOCKET NO. 2019-226-E - South Carolina Energy Freedom Act (House Bill 3659) Proceeding Related to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-37-40 and Integrated Resource Plans for Dominion Energy South Carolina, Incorporated - Staff Presents for Commission Consideration Dominion Energy South Carolina Incorporated's Petition for Rehearing and/or Reconsideration of Commission Order No. 2020-832.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Move that the Commission grant in part and deny in part the Petition for Reconsideration or Rehearing Filed by Dominion regarding Commission Order No. 2020-832 as follows:

Dominion raised two issues in its Petition for Rehearing and Reconsideration. The first issue is a request for an additional thirty (30)-days to submit additional production cost modeling and analysis to assess near-term solar acquisitions. (Petition at 2-4; Order at 86). Due to the changing and expanded availability and durability of tax incentives, I move that the Commission grant the request of Dominion for an additional thirty (30)-days requested to complete its Near-Term Solar Analysis. This should afford the utility an opportunity to appropriately complete the intensive evaluation process ordered by this Commission.

The second issue raised by Dominion in its Petition for Rehearing and Reconsideration is that the Commission "reassess" its decision regarding the selection of PLEXOS capacity optimization software for implementation in 2022 or thereafter. I move that the Commission deny Dominion's motion for the Commission to reassess the implementation of PLEXOS at this time regarding the 2022 IRP update and to provide further clarification as follows:

On page 92 of Order No. 2020-832, beginning with its 2022 IRP Update, Dominion shall use stakeholder input to implement changes to the methodologies used to develop, analyze, and select resource plans. (Order No. 2020-832 at 92).

The Commission does not identify the specific software that must be used and leaves that up to Dominion and the stakeholder process. There is nothing in Order No. 2020-832 to prevent Dominion from using PLEXOS if that is the software that meets the criteria.

In its Petition for Rehearing and Reconsideration, Dominion states that it "is confident that it can demonstrate that the input and output data provided in an easily accessible form by PLEXOS is fully sufficient for intervenors to run their modeling of DESC's system using the models and software of their choosing and on which they and their experts are trained." (Petition at 6-7). There is time for Dominion and the stakeholders to meet and to come to an agreement on the model.

I move that Dominion must meet with the intervenors and other stakeholders and provide a report to the Commission within ninety (90) days from date of this Order. The report by Dominion shall document the status and involvement of the stakeholder process being utilized to work with the interested parties to familiarize them with the PLEXOS software. The Commission further reserves the right to renew the requirement of such a report every ninety (90) days. If any interested parties or intervenors desire to report on the process, such comments should similarly be filed in Docket No. 2019-226-E within ten (10) days of any report filed by Dominion on the stakeholder process concerning the adoption and implementation of the use of the capacity expansion software.

I so move.

PRESIDING: J. Williams

SESSION: Regular

TIME:

11:00 a.m.

	MOTION	YES	NO	OTHER	
BELSER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Present in Hearing Room
CASTON	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Voting via audioconference
ERVIN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Voting via Skype
POWERS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Voting via Skype
THOMAS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Voting via Skype
C. WILLIAMS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Voting via Skype
J. WILLIAMS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Present in Hearing Room

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RECORDED BY: J. Schmieding

